CONSTITUTION OF RULES COMMITTEE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ANNONCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER —The House passed a Motion on 4th April to constitute a Committe consisting of myself, Deputy Speaker and 15 other members of the Houe to consider the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Busin ss in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and to suggest suitable amendments thereto and that the House authorised me to nominate the personnel of the Committee. Accordingly I nominate the following members to serve on the Committee :

Sriyuths :

1. A. Shankar Alva
2. B. Basavalingappa
3. B. Shivanna
4. H. N. Nanje Gowda
5. D. B. Kalmankar
6. K. M. Rudrappa
7. I. G. Sanadi
8. B. G. Banakar
9. A. M. Belliappa
10. Smt. Sumati Madiman
11. H. D. Deve Gowda
12. Kagodu Thimmappa
13. M. S. Krishnan
14. S. Bangarappa
15. T. R Shamanna

INDEPENDENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ (ಹೊಳೆನರಸೀಪುರ) —ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಇಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಲೆಜಿಸ್ಲೇಚರ್ ಇಂಡಿಪೆಂಡೆನ್ಸ್ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ರೂಲ್ಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಟೂ ಮಾಡುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾದ ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ರೂಲ್ಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಮೆಂಡು ಮಾಡ ಬಹುದು, ಇಂದಲ್ಲ ನಾಳೆ ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು, ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಯಾವ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಆತಂಕವೂ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—Madam Speaker, you are already sware that I am in correspondence with you and the Chairman of the Legislative Council, and there is absolutely no intention on the part of the Government to go back on the commitment that they have made to this August House. The only question that will have to be gone into is, could we bring this about by bringing an amendment to the existing Rules so as to serve the larger purpose. That, I and the hon. The Leader of the Opposition, Sri Deve Gowda share in common. I would assure the hon. the Leader of the Opposition that we will bring in the necessary amendment as early as possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—As early as possible ಎನ್ನುವ ಪದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲ ಮಿತಿಯೇ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಡಿಕ್ಷನರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪದ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡದೆ ನಾಳೆ ಅಥವಾ ಒಂದು ವಾರದಲ್ಲಾದರೂ ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬಹುದು.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—I would plead a conservative meaning could be given to that, not a liberal meaning. We are serious and I am equally serious. I request you to leave it at that.

I had committed my self to make a statement regarding the enquiry into allotment of stainless steel.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Now the Minister will make a statement.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

re : allotment of Stainless Steel

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—I make the following Statement.

Hon'ble Members will recall the discussions that took place during the Legislative Assembly Sessions in May 1974 when the matter of allotment of Stainless Steel to Small Scale Industrial Units was raised. At that time Government had assured the House that the entire matter will be enquired into by appointing an appropriate authority. Accordingly, in Government Order No. CI 114 ACI 74 dated 21st June 1974, Government appointed Shri S. K. Warrior, I.A.S. Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Mysore Iron & Steel Ltd. to enquire into matters pertainig to the allotment of Staialess Steel by the Department of Industries and Commerce during the Licensing year 1973–74. The Enquiry Officer was directed to submit his report along with his findings within 3 months. He, however, reported that, owing to pressure of work, it was not possible for him to complete the work and to give his report within the stipulated time and he requested for extension of time. Extension of time was given upto end of February 1975. The Enquiry Officer has submitted his report under cover of his letter No. MD/933 74–75 dated 3rd March 1975.

I am placing a copy of this Enquiry Report on the table of this House. I may, however mention that only two copies of the Enquiry Report are available with Government. As the time at our disposal for getting the reports printed has been rather limited only one copy is being made available. Action is being taken separately to have copies of this report printed and to make them available to the Hon'ble Members.

While appointing the Enquiry Officer, the intention of Government was to ascertain fully the facts of the matter and therefore, no formal terms of reference were prescribed and the scope of the enquiry was not limited. The enquiry Officer has reported that in the absence of formal terms of reference, it was necessary for him to draw up certain terms which have been used as a reference base for his enquiry. He has also reported that since the enquiry was initiated on the basis of the discussions in the Legislative Assembly; he obtained the verbatim record of the proceedings of the Assembly from the Legislature Secretariat and proceeded with his enquiry on that basis.